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RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

January 06, 2015

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor –Conference Center

Members Present:

Marsha Rollinger, Jerri Everett, Mitch Shepherd, Paul Hebron and Evelyn Reingold **Excused Absence:** Bill Huls, Jaris English and Ben Andrews

Staff Present: Elizabeth Higgins, Staff Liaison, and John Collum, Department of Community and Economic Development

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by RMAC Vice-President, Marsha Rollinger at 4:34 pm.

Introduction of Guests: Mary Clymer, Renton Artist and Cassie Welliver, new Carco Theatre Manager.

Mary Clymer presented an idea she has for a Fine Arts and Craft Show with a “Seahawks” related theme. She will get several sponsors and is thinking that the start of the new season, during training camp, will be a good time for this event. It was mentioned that Arts Unlimited might be able to tie in the Art Walk (August).

Cassie Welliver said one of her goals is to get Renton and the regional community more involved with the Carco Theatre. It is an especially good venue for children’s programs and jazz concerts. She is looking for ways to have the Carco used for rentals, rehearsals and visual art shows. Paul Hebron offered to provide her with a list of local artists.

There is some remodeling being planned so that the lobby area can be better used for art shows and other events. The Carco Theatre is no longer managed by the City of Renton. It is now managed by Puget Sound Access, a management company headed by Jeff McCord, Executive Director.

John Collum discussed a new project for downtown on 3rd Street. The project is to “wrap” utility boxes with art. A “Call for Artists” has gone out to Renton High Schools for graphic artwork. RMAC Commissioners were requested to be on the selection committee. Mitch, Marsha and Evelyn volunteered. It was suggested that Jaris could also write an article for the Renton Reporter.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the November 04, 2014 RMAC meeting were read and accepted as submitted. (MSC) Mitch/Paul

Correspondence and announcements: The correspondence and event folders were circulated for individual review.

- A thank you note from the Renton Youth Symphony Orchestras for their recent grant award.

- Requests to be placed on the City of Renton Arts and Culture Registry from: **The Fabulous Roof Shakers** – Blues, Rhythm & Blues, Classic Rock & Roll Band and **Laura Dean** – Pianist/Music Teaching Artist

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Jan 9, 2015, 6:00-9:00 pm: “An Eruption of Art in Renton” (simultaneous art events at Liberty Café, Common Ground, Luther’s Table). Also, celebration of “Fracturing Crystals,” the RMAC sponsored storefront art at the American Drapery building on 3rd and Burnett.
- Jan 9-17, 2015, 8:00 pm: “The King and I” - Renton Civic Theatre, for more information - (www.rentoncivictheatre.org)
- Jan 13, 2015, 10:30 am -12:00 pm: South County Culture meeting, “Funding Opportunities Beyond 4Culture” (Allegro Performing Arts Academy – 222 Central Ave South Kent
- Jan 27, 2015, 1:00 -5:30pm “Art, Entertainment, and Making Connections,” Art & Social Change Showcase – Meydenbauer Center, 11100 NE 6th St, Bellevue, 425-637-1020
- Jan 27, 2015, 6:30-8:00 pm: Allied Arts of Renton monthly meeting – Luther’s Table
- Closing Feb 7, 2015: “Newcastle: Little Giant of the Eastside” – Renton History Museum exhibit – 235 Mill Ave So, Renton

Committee Reports: New 2015 Committees will be presented at next RMAC meeting.

Old Business:

- **Summary of 2014 RMAC Activities** - Draft of information is on the RMAC Share Point site for Commissioner review and comment.
- **2014 Budget Final Report** - Disbursements: City of Renton Santa House - \$152 for arts & crafts supplies and Arts Unlimited \$500 Small Grant Award. The unspent amount of \$5.60 from our 2014 RMAC budget from the City of Renton will be returned.
- **“Emerging” Relocation Update** - The sculpture has been repaired by ArtTech and is ready for installation, pending confirmation that there is no problem with utilities.
- **Annual Report to Mayor** - A draft of the report was reviewed by the Executive Committee. Final draft is in work.

New Business:

- **Appointment of RMAC Executive Committee** – Paul and Marsha agreed to be Interim Co-Chairs for 6 months, Mitch will be the Vice-Chair and Evelyn to continue as Secretary.
- **Discussion of 2015 Program Goals** – Our Annual Retreat is postponed. New date TBD. Elizabeth is finalizing a matrix to update the RMAC Master Plan with a 6 month work plan.
- **Open Commissioner Positions** – The application for the RMAC is on-line and all interested candidates will be welcomed at the February RMAC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Evelyn Reingold,
RMAC Secretary

Marsha Rollinger,
RMAC Vice-President